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Prior application: Examiner Mendez, M.
 Art Unit 3734

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 08/871,307 filed on 06/09/97.

of Robert J. Duffy, Lon M. Severe, Edward M. Richards, Shawn W. Dekalb and James P. Stewart
 (inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)
 for Method and Apparatus for Power Connection in a Modular Patient Care System
 (title of invention)

1. The filing fee is calculated below:

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3. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation of application no. 08/871,307, filed 06/09/97, and now U.S. Patent No. 5941846,

4a. Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon the prior application as of the filing date accorded this

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please consider the following amendments and comments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-18 without prejudice.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1,6. At page 1, line 12, before the phrase "and assigned", please insert "now U.S. Pat. No. 5,713,856."

At page 1, line 16, please replace "U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. / , filed
" with "U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 08/866,664, filed June 9, 1997." ~~NO. 08/866,664~~

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At page 1, line 18, before the phrase "both assigned," please insert now U.S. Pat. No.
5,836,910."

Respectfully submitted,

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